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SEISMOLOGICAL ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE INSTRUMENTAL REPORTS.

CHARACTER OF THE EARTHQUAKE.

I=noticeable.

II=conspicuous.

III=strong.

d=(terre motus domesticus)=local earthquake (sensible or felt).

v=(terre motus vicinus)=near-by earthquake (within 1,000 km.).

r=(terre motus remotus)=distant earthquake (1,000 to 5,000 km. distant).

u=(terre motus ultimus)=very distant earthquake (beyond 5,000 km.).

Δ =distance to epicenter.

PHASES.

P=(undæ primæ)=first preliminary tremors.

PR_n=P waves reflected n times at the earth's surface.

S=(undæ secundæ)=second preliminary tremors.

SR_n=S waves reflected n times at the earth's surface.

PS=transformed waves; longitudinal (P) to transversal (S) or vice versa.

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L=(undæ longæ)=long waves in the principal portion.

M=(undæ maximaæ)=greatest motion in the principal portion.

C=(coda)=trailers.

O=time at epicenter.

L_{rep1}=Long waves reaching the station from the antiepicenter (40,000 km. - Δ).

L_{rep2}=long waves again reaching the station from the antiepicenter (40,000 km. + Δ).

F=(finis)=end of perceptible trace.

NATURE OF THE MOTION.

i=(impetus)=abrupt beginning.

e=(emersio)=gradual appearance.

T=period=twice time of oscillation.

A=amplitude of earth's movement, reckoned from the zero line. E, N, or Z attached to a symbol signifies the E-W, the N-S, or the vertical component, respectively, thus:

P_E is the E-W component of P.

P_N is the N-S component of P.

P_Z is the vertical component of P.

μ =micron, $\frac{1}{1,00}$ mm.

INSTRUMENTAL CONSTANTS.

T₀=period of instrument.

V=magnification of instrument.

e=damping ratio.

List of instrumental stations from which reports are received.

Location.	Latitude, N.	Longitude, W.	Eleva- tion, meters.	Description of instruments.	Instrumental constants.						Institution.	In charge.		
					E-W.			N-S.						
					V	T ₀	e	V	T ₀	e				
ALABAMA.														
Mobile.....	30° 41' 44"	88° 08' 46"	60	Wiechert 80-kg., astatic, horizontal pendulum.								Spring Hill College, seismic observatory.	Cyril Ruhman, S. J.	
ALASKA.														
Sitka.....	57° 03' 00"	135° 30' 03"	15.2	Two Bosch-Omori 10 and 12 kg.	10	17		10	15			U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Magnetic Observatory.	F. P. Ulrich.	
ARIZONA.														
Tucson.....	32° 14' 48"	110° 50' 00"	769.6	do.....	10	17		10	18			do.....	Wm. H. Cullum.	
CALIFORNIA.														
Point Loma.....	32° 43' 03"	117° 15' 10"	91.4	Two-component C. D. West seismo-scope.								Theosophical University.	F. J. Dick.	
COLORADO.														
Denver.....	39° 40' 36"	104° 56' 54"	1,655	Wiechert 80-kg., astatic, horizontal pendulum.								Sacred Heart College, earthquake station.	A. W. Forstall, S. J.	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.														
Washington.....	38° 54' 25"	77° 04' 21"	42.4	Wiechert 200-kg., astatic, horizontal pendulum; 80-kg. vertical.	165	5.4	0	143	5.2	0		Georgetown University.	F. A. Tondorf, S. J.	
Do.....	38° 54' 12"	77° 03' 03"	21	Marvin, vertical pendulum, undamped, mechanical registration.	110	6.4		110	6.4			U. S. Weather Bureau.	W. J. Humphrey.	
HAWAII.														
Honolulu.....	21° 19' 12"	158° 03' 48"	15.2	Milne seismograph of the Seismol. Comm. Brit. Assoc.		18.4	10°.40.					U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Magnetic Observatory.	Frank Neumann.	
ILLINOIS.														
Chicago.....	41° 47' 00"	87° 37' 00"	180.1	Two Milne-Shaw horizontal pendulums, 0.45-kg.	150	12	20:1	150	8	20:1		University of Chicago.....	H. J. Cox.	
KANSAS.														
Lawrence.....	38° 57' 30"	95° 14' 58"	301.1	Wiechert.....	177	3.4	4:1	205	3.4	4:1		University of Kansas, department physics and astronomy.	F. E. Kester.	
MARYLAND.														
Cheltenham.....	38° 44' 00"	76° 50' 30"	71.6	Two Bosch-Omori 10 and 12-kg.	10	14		10	14			U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Magnetic Observatory.	George Hartnell.	
MASSACHUSETTS.														
Cambridge.....	42° 22' 36"	71° 06' 59"	5.4	Two Bosch-Omori 100-kg., horizontal pendulum, mechanical registration.	80	23	0	50	25	4:1		Harvard University seismographic station.	J. B. Woodworth.	
MISSOURI.														
St Louis.....	38° 38' 15"	90° 13' 58"	160.4	Wiechert 80-kg., astatic, horizontal pendulum.	80	7	5:1					St. Louis University, geophysical observatory.	J. B. Goesse, S. J.	
NEW YORK.														
Buffalo.....	42° 53' 02"	78° 52' 40"	180.5	Wiechert 80-kg., horizontal.	80	7	5:1					Canisius College.....	John A. Curtin, S. J.	
Ithaca.....	42° 26' 58"	78° 29' 09"	242.6	Two Bosch-Omori 25-kg., horizontal pendulum, mechanical registration.	13	22	4:1	14	25	4:1		Cornell University.....	Hedrich Ries.	
New York.....	40° 51' 47"	73° 53' 08"	23.9	Wiechert 80-kg.....	72	5.0	0	72	5.0	0		Fordham University.....	D. H. Sullivan, S. J.	
PANAMA CANAL ZONE.														
Balboa Heights....	8° 57' 39"	79° 33' 29"	27.6	Two Bosch-Omori 100-kg. and 25-kg.	35	20		10	20			Panama Canal, Department Operation and Maintenance.	Governor, Panama Canal.	
PORTO RICO.														
Vieques.....	18° 09' 00"	65° 27' 00"	19.8	Two Bosch-Omori.....	10	17		10	19			U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Magnetic Observatory.	W. M. Hill.	
VERMONT.														
Northfield.....	44° 10' 00"	72° 41' 00"	256	Two Bosch-Omori mechanical registration.	10	15		10	16			U. S. Weather Bureau....	Wm. A. Shaw.	
CANADA.														
Ottawa.....	45° 23' 38"	75° 42' 57"	83	Two Bosch photographic horizontal pendulum, one Spindler & Hoyer 80-kg. vertical seismograph.	120	26						Dominion Observatory, earthquake station.	Otto Klotz.	
Toronto.....	43° 40' 01"	79° 23' 54"	113.7	Milne horizontal pendulum, North, in the meridian.		18						Dominion Meteorological Service.		
Victoria.....	43° 24' 00"	123° 19' 00"	67.7	Wiechert, vertical; Milne horizontal pendulum, North, in meridian.		18						do.....		

1 Sensitivity.

TABLE I.—Noninstrumental earthquake reports, January, 1920.

Day.	Approximate time, Greenwich civil.	Station.	Approximate latitude.	Approximate longitude.	Intensity, Rossi-Forel.	Number of shocks.	Duration.	Sound.	Remarks.	Observer.
CALIFORNIA.										
1920.	H. m.		° ,	° ,			Sec.			
Jan. 1...	2 20	Corona	33 52	117 35	4	1	Short.	None	Doors rattled.	T. C. Sias.
	2 25	Escondido	33 06	117 05	5	1	5	do	Felt by many.	H. L. Harlow.
		Warner Springs	33 15	116 45	5	1		do	Cracked adobe walls.	J. A. Ream.
	2 30	Nellie	33 22	116 52	5	1	60	Faint rumbling.	Rapid trembling shock.	J. P. Rolarts.
	2 34	Calexico	32 41	115 30	3	1	5	do		H. M. Rouse.
		Elsinore	33 37	117 15	5	1		None	Felt by many.	W. L. Wilhite.
		Hemet	33 45	116 58	5	2	4	Rumbling.	Chandeliers moved.	C. S. McManigal.
	2 35	San Diego	32 40	117 10	4	1	1	do	Felt by several.	U. S. Weather Bureau.
	2 37	El Cajon	32 48	116 58	4	1		Rumbling.	Felt by many.	E. P. Kessler.
	2 40	Julian	33 05	116 37	5	2	6	Muffled	Jarring motion.	J. H. L. Vogt.
		Mesa Grande	33 11	116 42	5	2	13	Faint	Star images in 60-inch telescope vibrated rapidly.	E. H. Davis.
		Mount Wilson	34 13	118 16	2	1	12			Mount Wilson Observatory.
	2 46	Aguanga	33 26	116 51	5	1	2	Loud	Abrupt bumping motion.	A. J. Berg.
30	23 30	Santa Barbara	34 23	119 40	3	1		None	Felt by several.	A. W. Mutter.
	23 33	do			2	1	2	do	do	Do.
	23 35	do			2	1	2	do	do	Do.
	23 38	do			2	1	2	do	do	Do.
31	1 00	do			3	1	2	do	do	Do.
	1 03	do			3	1	2	do	do	Do.
	1 07	do			3	1	2	do	do	Do.
WASHINGTON.										
24	7 09	Clallam Bay	48 15	121 15	5	3	10-15	Rumbling.	Most severe ever noticed.	M. Rasmussen.
	7 10	Blaine	49 00	122 45	4	1	8	do	Felt by many.	J. Crilly.
	7 12	Marietta	48 47	123 35	2	1	5	do	do	S. R. Mayhew.
	7 14	Anacortes	48 50	123 40	5	2		Loud rumbling.	Long duration.	D. Almond.
	7 15	Tatoosh	48 23	124 45	2	3	Few.	None	Felt by one.	Mrs. A. K. Willis.
	7 20	Forks	47 56	124 20	5	2	60	Faint rumbling.	Many awakened.	Mrs. Ruth Johnson.

TABLE 2.—Instrumental seismological reports, January, 1920.

(Time used: Mean Greenwich, midnight to midnight. Nomenclature: International. [For significance of symbols and descriptions of instruments and stations, see this REVIEW, p. 62.]

Date.	Character.	Phase.	Time.	Period T.	Amplitude.		Distance.	Remarks.
					A _z	A _w		

ALABAMA. Spring Hill College, Mobile.

1920.		eP...	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.	Southern Mexico; record peculiar—periods all short; P and S have same period; interval S-P too short; L absent. E damped, N undamped, yet records identical. Seems to be a superimposition of P waves of different shocks.
Jan. 4		iS or P	4 26 48	3.5			1,410?	
		M	4 29 18	3.5	*5,300	*5,300		
		F	4 43 00					

* Trace amplitude.

ARIZONA. U. S. C. & G. S. Magnetic Observatory, Tucson.

1920.		eP...	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.
Jan. 1		P _z	2 35 41				
		P _w	2 36 12				
		L _z	2 36 22				
		M _z	2 37 11		50		
		M _w	2 38 46			20	
		F _z	2 41 00				
		F _w	2 40 00				
4		P _z	4 25 33	4			
		P _w	4 25 44				
		S _z	4 29 03				
		S _w	4 29 14				
		L _z	4 31 00		16		
		L _w	4 31 00				
		M _z	4 33 15				
		M _w	4 33 05	9	720	400	
		C _z	4 39 00	9			
		C _w	4 37 00	8			
		F _z	5 00 00	6			
		F _w	4 43 00				
12		ew	23 04 38				
		M _z	23 10 35				
		F _z	23 18 00				
25		ew	0 13 35				
		F _z	0 28 00				
25		ew	20 25 01				
		M _z	20 37 55				
		F _z	20 42 00	20			

Time marks missing for 12 minutes before L on N; times of P and S interpolated over that interval.
Irregular record; possibly not seismic. Time marks missing.
Do.
Do.

TABLE 2.—Instrumental seismological reports, January, 1920—Contd.

CALIFORNIA. Theosophical University, Point Loma.

1920.			H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.	Intensity, 2-3; Rossi-Forel. Tremors during the hours preceding 15 h.
Jan. 1			2 42 00					
14							100	100

COLORADO. Sacred Heart College, Denver.

1920.		P	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.	
Jan. 4		S	4 26 00					
		L _z	4 30 00					
		L _w	4 35 00		8		2,000	
		M _z	4 35 00		8		4,500	
		M _w	4 35 00		8		3,000	
		C _z	4 40 00		6		46,000	
		C _w	4 38 00					
		F _z	4 46 00					
		F _w	4 44 00					
15		L	13 30 00					
		F	13 40 00					
17								
20		L _w	13 46 00					
22		F _w	13 59 00					
25								

* Trace amplitude.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Georgetown University.

1920.		eP _z	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.
Jan. 4		eP _w	4 27 53				
		eP _w	4 27 53				
		S	4 32 52				
		S _w	4 32 46				
		eL	4 35 18				
		F	5 20 00				
30		eP _z	18 33 18				
		eP _w	18 33 18				
		S	18 39 11				
		eL _z	18 43 18	10			
		L _z	18 44 48	16			
		L _w	18 46 22	18			
		F	19 ca				

Nodistinct M.

Heavy micros.

Nedistinct M.

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TABLE 2.—Instrumental seismological reports, January, 1920—Con.

WASHINGTON, D. C. U. S. Weather Bureau.

1920. Jan. 4		P.	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.	Time correction uncertain.
		S.	4 28 00					
		P?	4 32 40					
		S?	4 34 00					
		eL	4 39 05					
		F	4 40 00					L nowhere well defined.
			5 15 ca.					Lost in micros. Whole record jumbled; apparently two quakes superimposed.
26		eL	21 37 30					
		F	21 45 ca.					
26		P	23 06 40					Time correction not certain.
		S	23 10 35					
		F	23 15 ca.					
30		eP	18 33 45					
		P _{g1}	18 39 15					
		S	18 41 50					
		L	18 44 45					
		F	19 10 ca.					

HAWAII. U. S. C. & G. S. Magnetic Observatory, Honolulu.

1920. Jan. 1		P.	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.	
		eL	12 21 42					
		M	12 34 30	15	*200			
		C	12 46 42					
		F	12 52 42					
			13 36 42					
1		eP	15 47 00					
		L	16 01 30	18	*100			
		M	16 09 30					
		C	16 15 00					
		F	16 22 00					
2		e	13 33 24	15	*100			
		M	13 37 12					
		C	13 40 00					
		F	13 45 00					
4		S	4 39 36	15				First recorded motion?
		S _{g1}	4 45 48	20				
		L	4 50 00					
		M	4 54 30	18	*1200			
		C	4 57 00					
		F	5 32 00					
7		eP	9 33 00					
		L	9 43 00					
		M	9 47 00	15	*300			
		C	9 50 00					
12		P _{g1}	13 57 42					
		S	14 02 24	18				
		L	14 06 36					
		M	14 17 42	16	*2100			Air tremors present throughout.
		C	14 26 00					
		F	14 50 00					
13		eP	23 10 12	16				
		L	23 23 36	19	*1400			
		M	23 34 36					
		C	23 43 00	17				
		F	24 19 00	16				
14		eP	14 49 00	15				Phases ill-defined.
		S	14 56 24	20				
		L	15 05 54					
		M	15 16 06	17	*300			
		C	15 34 00	20				
		F	16 02 00	20				
21		P	6 18 30	19				
		L	6 21 00	15	*200			
		M	6 21 42					
		C	6 28 00	20				
		F	6 44 00	18				
22		eP	21 35 24	20				
		S	21 40 24	18				
		eL	21 43 42					
		M	21 46 30	20	*400			
		C	21 54 00	15				
		F	22 40 00	19				
26		eP	11 35 48	20				
		eL	11 52 00					
		M	11 55 06	17	*200			
		C	11 57 00	18				
		F	12 18 00	20				
30		eP	19 47 12	16				
		S	19 50 00	15				
		eL	19 52 42					
		M	19 57 30	19	*800			
		C	20 00 00	20				
		F	20 47 00	18				

* Trace amplitude.

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ILLINOIS. U. S. Weather Bureau, Chicago.

1920. Jan. 1		L	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km.	
		L	12 59 ca.	22				Lost in micros.
			13 08 00	16				Very heavy micros; may not be seismic.
		F	13 40 00					
1		L	16 29 00	20				
		F	16 40 ca.					
4		P	4 27 26					2,670
		S	4 31 44					
		Lz	4 33 52					From beginning of S. record very confused.
		F	5 50 ca.					
13		L	23 56 00	24				
14		L	0 05 00	18				
		F	0 30 ca.					
14		eL	15 37 30					Lost in very heavy micros.
		L	15 37 35	18				Lost in heavy micros.
		F	16 10 00					
22		eL	22 11 00					
		L	22 15 00	22				
		L	22 18 00	18				
		F	23 ca.					
26		e	21 31 00					
		F	22 10 ca.					Phases indeterminate. Do.
26		Pz	23 12 00					
		F	23 30 ca.					
30		P	18 34 50					
		P _{g1}	18 39 50					
		S	18 42 35					
		L	18 47 00					
		F	18 57 00	15				
			20 ca.					Lost in micros.

KANSAS. University of Kansas, Lawrence.

1920. Jan. 4		eP _{g1}	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	km.	
		eS _{g1}	4 26 45					2,020
		L	4 30 13					
		S	4 33 12					
		F	4 38 00					
			4 59 15					
15		eL _{g1}	4 38 47					
		M	4 32 50					
		M _{g1}	4 42 30	12				
		F	5 01 00					
			5 05 00					
26		P	21 23 51	1				
		L	21 24 22					
		M	21 24 54	9				
		M _{g1}	21 24 47	13				
		C	21 27 00	6				
		C _{g1}	21 26 00	5				
		F	21 43 00					
			21 34 00	6				

* Trace amplitude.

PORTO RICO. U. S. C. & G. S. Magnetic Observatory, Vieques.

1920. Jan. 4		eP _{g1}	H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.	
		eP _{g1}	4 28 32					No definite phases.
		eP _{g1}	4 28 45					
		eL _{g1}	4 36 50					
		F	4 50 00					
15		P	16 26 30					
		P _{g1}	16 26 30	2				
		L	16 26 51					
		L _{g1}	16 26 56					
		M	16 27 33	9				
		M _{g1}	16 27 21					
		C	16 28 00					
		C _{g1}	16 30 00	5				
		F	16 33 00	5				
26		P	21 23 51	1				
		L	21 24 22					
		M	21 24 54	9				
		M _{g1}	21 24 47	13				
		C	21 27 00	6				
		C _{g1}	21 26 00	6				
		F	21 43 00					
			21 34 00	6				

Felt strongly in Porto Rico. On N there is a faint disturbance beginning 21:23:27, which may be P of an earlier shock.

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PORTO RICO.—U. S. C. & G. S. Magnetic Observatory, Vieques—Con.

1920. Jan. 26	P.	H. m. s. 23 02 37	Sec. 2	μ	μ	Km.	Felt strongly in Porto Rico.
	L.	23 03 01	9	90			
	M.	23 03 29					
	M.	23 03 24	10		260		
	F.	23 12 00	4				

30	P.	18 31 33	7				P distinct on both components; other phases in- definite.
	P.	18 31 32	6				
	eS.	18 35 24					
	eL.	18 39 30					
	M.	18 39 45		20			
	F.	18 51 00					
	F.	18 58 00					

VERMONT. U. S. Weather Bureau, Northfield.

1920. Jan. 4	eL.	H. m. s. 4 45 00	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.	Amplitude very small.
	F.	5 05 00					

CANADA. Dominion Observatory, Ottawa.

1920. Jan. 4	O.	H. m. s. 4 22 03	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.	3,440
	eP.	4 28 39					
	eS.	4 33 52					
	eL?	4 37 42					
	L.	4 45 00	15				
	L.	4 55 00	8				
	F.	5 15 00					

14	0 00 00						
	14 49 00						

30	O.	18 28 07				3,820	
	eP.	18 35 12					
	eP. ^{?x}	18 36 08					
	S.	18 40 49					
	L.	18 44 20	24				
	L.	18 48 00					
	F.	19 10 00					

30	L.	20 30 to 20 40 00	20				

CANADA. Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto.

1920. Jan. 1		H. m. s.	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.	
1	L.	13 01 48					Small micros masked sheet at 2h. 42m. when other station re- cords quake.
1	eL.	13 06 24					
	M.	13 10 30		*300			
	L.	13 13 30					
	F.						

1							
	eL.	16 27 18					
	M.	16 40 36		*200			
	F.						

2							

4	P.	4 27 26				3,600	
	P.	4 28 48					
	S.	4 38 00					
	L.	4 41 54					
	L.	4 43 24					
	eL.	4 44 48					
	M.	4 47 48		*1,000			
	eL.	4 51 18					
	F.	5 23 36					

7							

12	L.	14 16 42					
	L.	14 22 42		*100			

12	L.	14 39 06					
	eL.	14 44 12					
	M.	14 46 30		*200			

* Trace amplitude.

TABLE 2.—Instrumental seismological reports, January, 1920—Con.

CANADA.—Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto—Continued.

1920. Jan. 13	P.	H. m. s. 23 27 30	Sec.	μ	μ	Km.	
	L.	23 54 00					
14	L.	0 00 06					
	eL.	0 04 18					
	M.	0 13 30					
	eL.	0 20 35					
	F.	0 54 30					

14	L.	1 02 06					
	eL.	1 18 36					
	M.	1 19 48					
	F.	1 22 36					

14	P.	15 41 48					
	L.	15 49 12					
	eL.	15 50 30					
	M.	15 54 42					
	F.	16 51 36					

14	L.	17 33 18		*100			
	L.	17 37 36					
	L.	17 47 54					
	M.	17 49 42					

20	L.	17 00 24					
	M.	17 01 48					
	F.	17 17 36					

22	eL.	22 25 06					
	M.	22 30 12					
	F.	22 45 00					

22	eL.	23 58 18		*200			
	M.	23 59 18					
	F.	0 06 24					

24	L.	7 17 54		*100			
	L.	7 37 54					

30	P.	18 37 00					
	eS.	18 43 18					
	L.	18 47 30					
	M.	18 49 54					
	F.						

30	L.	20 29 18		*200			
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TABLE 2.—*Instrumental seismological report, January, 1920—Con.*
 CANADA. Dominion Meteorological Service. Victoria—Continued.

1920. Jan. 14	P.	15 02 25				4,120	Mexico?
	S.	15 08 19					
	L.	15 19 08					
	M.	15 27 28		*400			
	F.	17 03 53					
15	L.	12 28 04					
	M.	12 32 29		*100			
	F.	12 39 52					
21	M.	6 30 47		*50			
	F.	6 42 41					
22	P.	21 42 00					
	S.	21 48 06				4,330	Probably Mexico?
	L.	21 55 46					
	M.	22 03 22		*500			
	F.	22 13 29					
24	P.	7 09 16				35	Probably under Strait of Georgia and northeast of Victoria.
	M.	7 09 20		*2,000			
	F.	7 24 01					
	P.	7 08 16	1			35	
	L.	7 09 18	2				
	M.	7 09 20	2	214			
	F.	7 11 30					
30	P.	18 44 23				3,620?	
	S.	18 49 48					
	L.	18 54 42					
	M.	19 12 30		*500			
	F.	19 24 00					
30	M.	20 13 01		*100			
	F.	20 21 25					

* Trace amplitude.

The following stations recorded no earthquakes during January, 1920:

ALASKA. U. S. C. & G. S. Magnetic Observatory. Sitka.

Reports for January, 1920, have not been received from the following stations:

Massachusetts. Harvard University, Cambridge.
New York. Canisius College, Buffalo; Cornell University, Ithaca;
Fordham University, New York.

Canal Zone. Department of Operation and Maintenance, Panama Canal.

SEISMOLOGICAL DISPATCHES.¹

Mexico City, Mexico, January 3.—One of the earth shocks that are not uncommon here was felt at 10 o'clock to-night. The shock was more severe than that of December 17, but did not cause as much apprehension as the December seismic disturbance, which came on the date of a groundless prediction of a cataclysm from astronomical causes. Incomplete press reports indicate that the State of Vera Cruz suffered more than any other section, although seismic disturbances were felt throughout the entire Republic. Advices from Cordoba say that 30 dead have already been accounted for in the village of San Juan Coscomatepec, where many houses were destroyed. There are unconfirmed reports of a similar catastrophe in the village of Huatusco. At Jalapa, farther north, 50 victims of the earthquake have been counted, including numerous dead. Lack of communication with the other small towns and villages in the theater of disturbance makes even approximate esti-

mates of the casualties impossible. The earthquake caused great alarm in the large cities. Marine disturbances have occurred off Vera Cruz city, and there were some casualties there, although the number is not known, with considerable destruction of property. Late reports received here say that the death list in San Juan Coscomatepec was augmented as a result of the collapse of the church tower, which crashed in upon the crowds gathered inside the edifice to pray, following the first shock. Vera Cruz city is without water, while the lighting systems of Orizaba and Jalapa are out of commission. The villages of Teocelo and Couztlan, in the State of Vera Cruz, were virtually destroyed by the earthquake last night, and heavy casualties have resulted, according to late press reports received here.—(A)

Mexico City, Mexico, January 5.—Reports received up to 11 o'clock last night indicated the center of the seismic convulsion was in the neighborhood of Mount Orizaba, a volcano situated about 70 miles west of Vera Cruz on the line between the States of Vera Cruz and Pueblo. It was in this neighborhood that the most serious damage was done. Teocelo, a village 35 miles northeast of the volcano, has been virtually destroyed, and a similar fate befell Couztlan, a small hamlet in that neighborhood. Wires have been torn down by the violence of the tremor, and only fragmentary reports have reached this city, but it is stated that there were many casualties in both towns. Many houses and churches in Jalapa, a city 50 miles northwest of Vera Cruz, were damaged, while reports from Orizaba, a city 10 miles south of the volcano, state that several business blocks and churches near the center of the town were cracked. In the suburbs of Orizaba the shock was very severe, many persons being reported killed beneath their wrecked houses. Fifteen shocks were experienced at Cordoba, a city 10 miles east of Orizaba, where 11 were distinctly felt. First reports received here stated that the tremor centered at Acambaro, a town near Teluca, about 25 miles southwest of Mexico City, but more recent advices state the shocks were not severe there.—(A)

Mexico City, Mexico, January 8.—A violent volcanic eruption has been caused by the recent earthquake near Cordoba, where Cerro de San Miguel, a small and apparently extinct volcano, has been burst in twain. The new crater is throwing out smoke, ashes, and flame, while lava is flooding the near-by territory in a stream more than 200 yards wide, resulting in not less than 200 deaths.—(A)

Mexico City, Mexico, January 13.—San Joaquin, a village of 3,000 inhabitants in the Jalapa district, State of Vera Cruz, was destroyed this morning by an earthquake, according to advices given out by the department of agriculture, which gave no details as to casualties. Shocks were detected at the astronomical observatory near this city at 5:18 o'clock this morning.—(A)

Mexico City, Mexico, January 22.—Strong earthquake shocks were felt in the city of Vera Cruz from 3 to 5 o'clock this morning. There were no casualties, although some residences were damaged. Reports from Vera Cruz state the tremors demolished at Couztlan all structures which were not destroyed in the earthquake of January 6, while shocks lasting 20 minutes caused further damage at Salmoral and San Francisco de las Penas.—(A)

¹ Reported by the organization indicated and collected by the seismological station at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. [(A) indicates Associated Press.]